

Statement of Informed Consent

Evaluation of Electric Bike Commuting to Three Kaiser Permanente NW Employment Centers in the Portland Metro Region

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by John MacArthur from the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC) at Portland State University (PSU). The project studies transportation behavior and electric bike (e-bike) use of approximately one hundred eighty (180) employees of Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of the Northwest, Kaiser Permanente Hospitals and Permanente Medical Group (Individually and collectively referred to as “KPFHP”) at three employment centers in the Portland metropolitan area; the Westside Medical Center, Sunnyside Medical Center, and Lloyd District as part of a Metro Regional Travel Options grant.

What will I have to do?

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Participants will receive an e-bike to use for a ten week period as part of an e-bike trial program. KPFHP project managers will coordinate with participants to deliver e-bikes to participants and also answer any questions they may have. If you agree to be in the research study in addition to the trial program, during the ten week trial period, you will be asked to respond to three surveys regarding how you are using the e-bike and your perceptions of the bike- before, during and after participating. Following the ten week period, program managers will arrange for drop-off of the e-bike at the PSU Bike Hub.

Are there any risks?

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- There are no expected risks from participating in this research study other than the possibility of a risk of breach of confidentiality.
- The risk of privacy breach in this study is expected to be minimal because we have taken steps to protect your privacy (as described below).
- There is no direct cost to you for participating in this study.

Your participation is voluntary

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- Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are under no obligation to participate and choosing not to participate will not affect your relationship with Portland State University, KPFHP or your participation in the e-bike trial program.
- You may choose to not use the e-bike, not answer questions or withdraw from participating in this study at any time.

What will I get in return?

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- Everyone participating in the research study will have a chance to win one of the Currie iZip e-bikes used in the study. For each survey completed, your name will be entered into a drawing. If you complete all three surveys, you will be awarded two additional entries. The drawing will be held at the end of the project.

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What are you doing to protect me?

Your privacy is important to us. We have done many things to protect you:

- Your name and other personal information, which we need in order to keep track of who we talk to, will be kept in a locked file cabinet inside our locked research office.
- Data from the GPS in the e-bike will be identified by a code number (not your name) and will be stored in a secure computer file.
- Your identity and responses cannot be accessed from the GPS data.
- When reviewing the data on your trips, we will not match your identity to specific addresses.

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Any questions?

If you have concerns or problems about your participation in this study or about your rights as a research subject, please contact the PSU Office of Research Integrity, 1600 SW 4th Ave., Market Center Building, Ste. 620, Portland, OR 97207; phone (503) 725-2227 or 1 (877) 480-4400. If you have questions about the study itself, please contact John MacArthur by telephone at (503) 725-2866, by e-mail at macarthur@pdx.edu, or by mail at Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium, P.O. Box 751, Portland State University, Portland, OR 97207-0751.

I have read and understand the above statements. By way of signature, I provide my fully informed consent to participate in this study.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

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